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driver software again merely by referring to these items of data.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims ~~1-28~~ and ~~30-33~~ without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claims ~~29~~ and ~~34~~ as follows:

29. (Amended) A charging apparatus capable of being connected to a communication apparatus, which is capable of performing data communication via a communication channel, using said communication channel to make the connection;

wherein said communication channel includes a communication line for data communication and a power supply line for supplying electric power;

said apparatus comprising:

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a charging circuit for applying electric power, with which it is supplied through said power supply line, to a connector of a data processing unit driven by a battery installed in said data processing unit, the data processing unit being formed to have said connector in order to input electric power for charging the battery.

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34. (Amended) A method of charging a battery using a charging apparatus capable of being connected to a communication apparatus, which is capable of performing data communication via a communication channel, using this communication channel to make the connection;

wherein said communication channel includes a communication line for data communication and a power supply line for supplying electric power;

said method including applying electric power, which is supplied through said power supply line, to a connector of a data processing unit driven by a battery installed in said data processing unit, the data processing unit being formed to have said connector in order to input electric power for charging the battery, said battery being charged by the electric power applied.

REMARKS

Claims 29 and 34 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-28 and 30-33 have been cancelled. Claims 29 and 34 are amended.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully